

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

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I want to express my opposition to the proposal to loosen the rules governing cross ownership of television and newspaper properties.

At the very core of democracy is the spirit of debate. And debate, of course, requires communication to survive. The increasing concentration of the mass media is disturbing, then, because it threatens to limit the communication that is essential to a lively democracy.

Self governance and democracy require a variety of voices. The concentration of media properties will inevitably reduce the number of voices in the public sphere.

I urge you to keep these points in mind as you make your decision.